Claims

1. A method of sealing a hard shell capsule having coaxial body parts which overlap when telescopically joined, which method comprises the steps of holding the capsule in a precise and upright position, injecting a known quantity of sealing fluid in the overlap of the body parts, releasing the capsule.

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- 2. Method according to claim 1, characterised in that the excess of sealing fluid is removed from the outside of the capsule shell.
- Method according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the excess of sealing fluid is removed from a clamp holding the capsule in the upright position.
 - 4. An apparatus for sealing a hard shell capsule having coaxial body parts which overlap when telescopically joined, the apparatus comprising a sealing clamp (1, 11, 21, 31, 41, 51, 61) to hold the capsule in an upright position and means (5, 15, 25, 35, 45, 55, 65) to inject the sealing fluid in the overlap of cap and body part.
 - 5. An apparatus according to claim 4, characterised in that the means to inject the sealing fluid are injection ports (5, 15, 25, 35, 45, 55, 65) in the sealing clamp (1, 11, 21, 31, 41, 51, 61).
 - 6. An apparatus according to claim 4, characterised in that the sealing clamp has liquid recovery grooves (8, 18, 28, 38, 48, 58, 68).

- 7. An apparatus according to claim 4, characterised in that the sealing clamp has airing (6, 16, 26, 36, 46, 56, 66) and suction ports (7, 17, 27, 37, 47, 57, 67).
- 8. An apparatus according to claim 4, characterised in that the sealing clamp has a liquid injection groove (49, 69).

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